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Fourth and final trial date set for Ziglar

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

A fourth, and final trial date according to the District Attorney, has been set in the case of State vs Owen Ziglar.

Ziglar was originally charged with murder in the 1990 shotgun slaying of Edward Lamar Kelley. He was convicted on the lesser charge of manslaughter in a 1991 trial.

In a pre-trial status conference held Wednesday morning, July 30, Circuit Judge William Barr announced that the case will be tried on August 25.

A call of the docket will be held on Friday, August 22, to act on any motions pertaining to the case before the court at that time.

During the status conference, Judge Barr asked both the defense

and the prosecution if they were ready to try the case.

District Attorney Mark Fuller stated, "Judge, I have committed to the Kelley Family to try this case one final time and I'm ready to go to trial."

Fuller indicated that regardless of the outcome, this would be the final time that this case will be brought to trial by the state.

Judge Barr asked the attorneys representing Ziglar, Richard Whitaker and Stafford Pittman, both of Enterprise, if they had any motions to file with the court prior to the case. They indicated to the judge that they did.

Judge Barr's response was that he would only consider "new motions in this case and not any previously acted on by the court."

The judge set Monday, August 11, as the deadline for all motions to be before the court (in the judge's hands) in this matter. No motions offered after this date will be consid-

ered by the court.

In 1993, the 1991 conviction was overturned by the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and a new trial was ordered. The appeals court ruled that Ziglar's estranged wife was forced to testify against him.

The case was retried (second trial) in December of 1994 and the jury was unable to reach a verdict, thus causing a mistrial to be declared.

During the course of the trial (third trial) the prosecution attempted to show that Ziglar shot Kelley through the door of his mobile home, then drove to the home of Douglas Taylor in Opp where he allegedly planned to shoot him also.

Ziglar was later arrested at his home near Elba where a shotgun, believed to be the weapon that fired the fatal shot, was taken from the trunk of his car.

A firearms expert testified that an empty shotgun shell found at the scene of the shooting had been load-

ed in the shotgun found in Ziglar's car; however, he could not say for certain that it had been fired by that particular shotgun.

On Friday afternoon, May 10, 1996, Owen Ziglar's third trial ended in a hung jury with a mistrial being declared by Circuit Judge William "Bill" Barr late in the afternoon.

Since the 1996 trial, the Ziglar case has been placed on the criminal court docket two other times - October '96 and April '97; however, each time, the case was continued because it was on appeal to the 11th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Ziglar's attorneys had filed the appeal before the federal court on the basis that their client was being exposed to double jeopardy. The appeal has been denied clearing the way for the fourth trial.



MEMBERS OF THE BRANTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT held a barbecue recently to celebrate the arrival of the department's new fire truck, a 1500 JPM Pierce Arrow. The truck was purchased with funds collected through the portions of a one-cent sales tax, the county tobacco tax, and generous contributions from Brantley residents and nearby areas. The Brantley Fire Dept. has 26 firefighters and has achieved an Insurance Service Organization rating of G6. With the addition of the 500,000-gallon water tank, 6-inch and 8-inch water mains, and the onset of E-911 scheduled for early next year, the rating is expected to drop to a 5, and possibly a 4. Harry Driggers is fire chief of the department, a position he has held for 11 years. David Catrett and Jimmy Johnson are assistant chiefs, with Wayne Blackmon and Johnny Knight captains.

NEW ORDINANCE CREATES PLANNING COMMISSION

New Brockton council zips thru agenda

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

The New Brockton Town Council wasted little time Monday evening in zipping through their meeting agenda.

After noting that all members of the council were present except Linda Gilbert (away on temporary duty in connection with her job), Mayor Britt Lee proceeded with the business at hand.

Members of the council heard from Mr. Joe Harris concerning the renaming of East and South streets.

He requested that the names of the streets be changed to East and South McGowan. Reading from a prepared statement, Harris noted that the McGowan family had served the community since the 1870's and that the majority of the residents on the streets are direct descendants of the McGowan family.

He presented a petition bearing the names of the residents on the two streets agreeing to change the name of the streets.

Prior to Mr. Harris addressing the council, Councilman Charles Cole showed members of the council deeds to his father's residence which referred to the street as McGowan Street. Mr. Vester Cole (the councilman's father) residence is located on South Street.

Other members of the council recalled the street as being named McGowan Street, but in time, the McGowan was dropped and the streets were referred to as simply East and South streets. No one could recall why this was done or if it was ever officially changed.

The council voted unanimously to officially rename the streets East McGowan and South McGowan. New signs are to be ordered and erected on the streets as soon as possible.

Bill Boland was on the agenda to discuss a drainage problem on South John Street but he was not at the meeting.

However, Mr. Perry Norris, a res-

ident at 308 S. John, did address the council concerning the matter. He noted that the problem has caused his insurance to increase.

"When it rains real hard, that water comes down the little ditch washing mud into my house," said Norris. "I've had to replace a washer, dryer and carpet because of the mud and water."

Mayor Lee noted that the present easement is not enough to allow the city to correct the problem. He told Norris that the property owners, Louie Stuckey and Bill Boland, have been contacted requesting permission to go on their property and correct the problem; however, neither party has responded to the request.

"Until they do so, we cannot do anything to correct the problem," said Lee.

Continuing, the council passed Town Ordinance 97-003 which created a planning commission for the town. The ordinance named the following individuals to serve on the commission: Annette Williams, Doyle Campbell, Rhonda Davis, Joe Sawyer, Debra Sims, and Mike Windham.

Councilman Charles Cole was selected, by the council, to serve on the commission as an ex-officio member along with Mayor Lee.

Mayor Lee informed the council that Rudolph Thomas had been hired through the Senior Aide program to work as a dispatcher with the police department.

The mayor noted that Thomas is a

15-year veteran of the Enterprise Police Department and is familiar with police procedures.

In a matter of unfinished business, the council passed Ordinance No. 97-002 dealing with the disposition of wrecked, dismantled and non-operating vehicles. The ordinance was introduced and read in the July 7 meeting as required.

Mayor Lee reported that the town's finances remained in good shape. He told council members revenue from sales and use tax this month totaled more than \$10,000.00.

After the council approved payment of July's bills totalling \$17,550.08, the general fund still had just over \$19,000.00 in it.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department had investigated seven complaints, made three criminal arrests, issued 28 traffic citations, and investigated 1 automobile accident.

He reported that the rescue squad had made 19 runs and the fire department had responded to 2 calls.

Councilman McMonagle reported that the Cops More Grant had been approved and Chris Sanders had been hired as an additional police officer under this grant.

He also noted that another \$2,500.00 grant had been received and these funds would be set aside to purchase video equipment for the police cars when additional funding is received.

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Cook buys local Ford dealership

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Jim Cook has announced the official purchase of the local Ford dealership, Dixie Ford, and all the real estate accompanying the agency. He will continue to operate Cook Chevrolet and will operate the Ford dealership under the name of Jim Cook Ford.

This week Mr. Cook said the deal was finally done and, "I am pleased we have been able to purchase the Elba Ford dealership from Mr. Marlin Lambert."

He continued, "We have established relationships at

Cook Chevrolet since 1966 with generations of fathers, sons, mothers and daughters and hope to expand on those with this new venture."

"Mr. Lambert was getting out of the dealership and we saw an opportunity to expand our produce line and ensure that area folks continue to have access to Ford Motor Company products. We intend to offer services to Ford owners we have offered our Chevrolet customers for 30 years."

The process of getting the franchise changed from Mr. Lambert was lengthy and at times distressing, according to

Cook. He said that getting the unofficial approval from Ford Motor Company didn't take long, but the paperwork which followed took months to complete.

Mr. Cook explained that right now they are busy getting the facility staffed and getting the equipment ready to service the vehicles.

The dealership was established in 1966 by a corporation headed by Jim Cook's father, Drexel Cook. The father has since sold his interest in the business to Jim, who continues to expand the services offered to the driving public.

Supt. Pearce addresses school traffic

Elba City Schools will begin classes on August 11, 1997. Much preparation has been made to insure a positive school year.

There are always traffic problems on the first day of school, especially at the elementary school.

Superintendent of Elba City Schools Charles Pearce said, "We ask parents to continue to be patient with us on this day since so many of our elementary student's parents will bring their children on the first day."

"We will open the new connector street to Taylor Mill Road for use on the first day. Certain requests are being made to help with traffic flow for this occasion."

The following procedure for use of the new entrance is as follows:
A) All high school students driving to school on their personal cars are asked to use the new street. Please enter the campus

from Taylor Mill Road and go directly to the high school parking lot.

B) Parents, staff, and others who may be using the new street should turn right off the new street onto the perimeter road and proceed around the campus to each school's front unloading area.

Please do not turn left since buses will be using that route to go and come. If your child is to be unloaded at the high school, please enter the high school traffic circle at the second entrance so you can unload with passenger door next to curb at front door of the high school. Elementary students should continue to be unloaded at the elementary school as in the past.

Parents entering the campus at the south entrance, (old U.S. 84), should continue to route as in the past.

Please do not turn right on the perimeter road after you enter campus. Only staff members and buses should turn right at this point.

"Please help us provide a safe and expeditious way to arrive and leave school each day," said Pearce. "Traffic officers will be in place to direct traffic."

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AUTOMOBILE VS BUILDING... The residents of Apt. No. 112 in Mullins Apartments, located on Farris Street, received a scare shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday night when a car crashed into the rear of the apartment near the kitchen. The 1991 Chevrolet Geo Convertible driven by Eric Lavon Martin, 16, of Elba, left the roadway striking two clothes line poles before crashing into the rear of the apartment. Reportedly, the driver dropped a soft drink and lost control of the vehicle when he looked down to pick it up. Martin and a passenger in the car, Leroy Lavon Brooks, 15, of Brantley, AL, were both taken to Elba General Hospital by units of the Elba Rescue Squad. The accident was investigated by Elba Police Officer Kevin Burke.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

SCHOOL TO START. The Elba City Schools and Coffee County Schools will begin classes on Monday, August 11, 1997.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, August 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

FOGGY BOTTOM FESTIVAL. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Miss Foggy Bottom" Pageant in conjunction with the Foggy Bottom Festival on Saturday, September 6, 1997. The festival and pageant, as well as many other activities, will be held in Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba. The day's activities will begin at 12:00 noon and conclude with a concert by Rob & Kelly Hudson and Nashville band at 6:00 p.m. For additional information call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

JAIL RESTORATION. Support the restoration of the old Coffee County Jail in Elba by purchasing "brick pavers" to be used in the walkway and court yard projects. A brick with three lines of engraved print (each line limited to 13 letters) may be purchased for \$35 each. All proceeds of the brick sales will be used for restoring the jail as a law enforcement museum, Chamber of Commerce offices and community room, as well as other services for all the citizens of Coffee County. Contact the Chamber at (334)897-3125 for additional information on this project.

Ronald Howard Jenkins, 41, of Kinsey, AL was assaulted and shot while making a night deposit at Regions Bank in Enterprise. He was the assistant manager of Grocery Outlet.

According to Enterprise Chief V. Lavoyed Hudgins, Jenkins was shot once in the upper body by a lone black male during a struggle for the night deposit bag.

Authorities are seeking information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant. They are also looking for a green, lockable bank bag with the name "Grocery Outlet" on it. The bag also has the identification number 32-199 embroidered on it in white letters.

Alabama Governor Fob James is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the robbery and murder of Jenkins.

In addition to the Governor's reward, Regions Bank is offering \$10,000. Country Market has added \$1,000. Coffee County Crimestoppers another \$1,000, and the Citizens Bank of Enterprise is contributing another \$1,000.

In commenting on the reward money being offered, District Attorney of the 12th Judicial, Circuit

NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department is investigating rural burglaries that are possibly related. One occurred on Thursday evening, July 31, at a residence just off Co. Rd. 625. The other one was Hanson's Grocery located at the intersection of Co. Rds. 625 and 636. It was broken into on Friday night, August 1. Taken from the residence were guns, a television, VCR, and other items totalling more than \$8,500.00. Items taken from the store included rolled coins, cigarettes, lighters, OCB rolling paper, snuff, candy, and other items. The estimated value of the stolen property was \$2,338.00. Anyone with information concerning either of these incidents should call the sheriff's department at (334)894-5535.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Schools in the area are starting Monday. Yes, it is still summer, and the cotton is just barely blooming, and surely not picked, but school is starting - that is for sure. There has not been one complaint that "We need the young'ens to help gather the crops." This is indicative of two things. First, farming has changed and there is less need for the children to gather the crops. Secondly, farming is occupying less and less of the work force, as people move to town for that regular pay check or put the farmland in the soil bank.

The new contractor for the rural garbage collection has mbeen the topic of discussion among those who live outside the city limits of area towns. After the dust has settled, the county commissioners pointed to the contract and told the contractor they must deliver the container to the users throughout Coffee County. It might be advisable for these users to call the company, as they indicate to us they don't know where all these folks live... which means they don't know the hills and hollows of this fine county.

We congratulate Jim Cook on his purchase of the Ford dealership. Every week for a couple of months we have asked if he was ready to make an announcement. Each time he said the deal hasn't been finalized yet. It seems Jim and the seller, Marlin Lambert, made their deal long ago, but it was getting around all the red tape of big cooperations which took the extra time. Anyway, they are already getting new vehicles in and will soon be in business, full blast, with Fords as well as continuing the Chevrolet dealership.

U. S. Newsweek listed the tax break winners from the new tax bill just approved by both houses of Congress, and probably signed by the president this week. The best we can tell, this thing will help most of us to varying degrees. Either the category of "parents," "students," "investors" or "savers" should catch most of us a little bit. We don't see any reason to cry that the tax breaks help the rich more than us working stiffs... our goal is to join with those rich folks getting more of the tax breaks. It will mean we are making more money and that is not a bad idea at all!

If it is of any interest to the readers of this column, a happens-to-phrase call from our tax accountant this week indicates the dream of yours truly joining the ranks of the very rich is just that... a dream.

Elba Mayor James Grimes was upset this week. A plan by the Army Corp of Engineers to pay 75% for the cost of a levee repair project had just dropped to 65%. 10% doesn't sound like much, but when dealing in hundreds of thousands of dollars, 10% makes public officials squirm a bit. Right now he has joined with Geneva Mayor Hugh Herring in an appeal to Washington for relief. Good luck James.

The strike by UPS drivers is having an impact on most everyone somewhat. Our office wasn't expecting anything on their trucks this week, but indirectly it hit us also. An item which normally comes by Fed Ex and was due in here Tuesday, didn't make it. It was something to fix a computer software glitch, but so far we are surviving. The selling company is reliable, having once flown over 200 miles on the company plane just to get a little old much needed \$5.00 plug to the *The Elba Clipper*.

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Historic Balanced Budget and Tax Cuts Pass Congress

Late last week, both the U.S. House and Senate gave final approval to a historic plan which balances the federal budget in five years while granting tax cuts for most Americans. This is a major breakthrough and a solid beginning for Congress' effort to reform the federal tax code and limit the growth of government.

In 1994, the federal budget deficit was \$203 billion. Today the federal government's budget deficit has shrunk to nearly \$50 billion—a three-quarters reduction in three years. And with the new budget approved last week, the federal budget will not only be balanced in five years, but Americans will finally begin to receive the dividends of real tax relief.

The tax cut provisions in the new budget are substantial and will affect most all Americans. The new budget agreement provides for \$94 billion in net tax relief over five years, including cuts for more than 40 million middle-income taxpaying families.

Here's a closer look. America's working families earning roughly between \$18,000 and \$110,000 a year will directly benefit through the child tax credit. For children under the age of 17, the tax credit begins at \$400 a child in 1998 and increases to \$500 a child in 1999 and the following years.

For education, the new budget offers \$31 billion in a modified HOPE scholarship; extends employer-provided educational assistance; provides tax relief for state-sponsored prepaid tuition programs; creates new, tax-free Education Savings Accounts; and permits penalty-free withdrawals from existing IRAs for undergraduate, vocational, or graduate education costs.

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The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MARSHALL LODGE 179 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER Mon-Fri - 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
COFFEE COUNTY COONHUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
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ELBA POLICE REPORT

JULY 21 Thru JULY 27, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 21, 1997, investigated the following incidents: four criminal mischiefs, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, four thefts of property, two assaults, one harassment, one rape, and one harassing communication.

No arrests were made during the week. Traffic citations issued were as follows: seven for speeding, one for driving without a driver's license, one for an expired tag, and one for driving while driver's license are suspended.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, JULY 21 - River stage - 3.42 (6:59 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (10:13 p.m.); Rescue run to wreck on U. S. Hwy. 84W (10:21 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 22 - River stage - 3.39 feet (6:43 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 - River stage - 3.61 (6:02 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Cash & Carry on Reese Ave. (6:30 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JULY 24 - Distur-

bance (domestic) at Elba Villas (5:34 a.m.); River stage - no report; Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 166 (11:44 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 25 - River stage - 3.69 feet (6:30 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (5:05 p.m.); Rescue run to Family Dollar (6:41 p.m.); Possible breaking and entering reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (11:11 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 26 - Disturbance reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (1:55 p.m.); River stage - 3.70 (2:22 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Roosevelt Dr. (9:04 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (10:47 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 27 - Fight reported in Mulberry Park (1:03 a.m.); Powder reported on Brunson Circle (2:53 a.m.); Gun shots reported in Mulberry Park (5:15 a.m.); River stage - 3.36 feet (6:10 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 167 & Co. Rd. 114 (10:57 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 167 and Co. Rd. 114 (4:34 a.m.);

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YOUNG WORLD OF LEARNING KINDERGARTEN AND DAY CARE had its 10th kindergarten graduation on May 16, 1997. Five-year graduates were: (back row, l-r): Brian Roberts, Justin Mallory, Jayson Kelley, Taylor Creel, Ethan Carpenter, Jake Blackmon; Four-year Graduates (front row, l-r): Katie Beck, Cameron Johnson, Bethany Hawthorne, Brantson Bowers.

"Writing to Read" finishes good year

"Writing to Read," has finished a successful first year in several area schools, according to a report from South Alabama Electric Cooperative. The innovative program combines computers, audiocassettes, and books with conventional methods of teaching reading and writing skills. It was made possible through a funding partnership between the state of Alabama, local school boards and South Alabama Electric Cooperative.

The funding partnership is coordinated by Reading Alabama, Inc., a non-profit educational fund-raising group.

Locally, Alabama Electric Cooperative, South Alabama Electric Cooperative's electricity supplier matched the cooperative's contribution.

"For a first-year program, I think it's really rolling," Randy Wilkes, principal at Highland Home said. "We have been able to tell vast improvement in the students' writing skills... we've also seen an increase in creativity."

Other schools implementing the program include Zion Chapel Goshen Elementary, Banks Elementary and Luverne Elementary.

ESJC offers Adult Education class instruction

Enterprise State Junior College, in cooperation with the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network, offers adult education instruction in literacy, basic reading, writing, math, and preparation for the GED Test.

Classes are being taught at NO CHARGE at:
Elba Head Start Center - Mondays and Tuesdays, 8-11 a.m.
Kinston High School - Wednesdays, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Interested adults may enroll in these FREE adult education classes at any time and at any session. Call 393-ESJC, Ext. 218 or 897-6285 for more information.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

MARINE LANCE CPL. EARNEST R. BAKER

Marine Lance Cpl. Ernest R. Baker, son of Thomas R. and Zenobia E. Baker of Elba, AL, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt.

During the deployment, Baker visited France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Spain, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates as well as traveling through the Suez Canal twice.

He joined the Marine Corps in May 1995.

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Applications for 1997-98 State Cost Share Program will be taken Aug. 25-29

The Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District will be accepting applications for their 1997-98 State Cost Share Program.

Applications will be taken the week of Aug. 25-29 and Sept. 2-5. The District Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day.

Applications will be taken on the following practices:

Forestry: Forest Tree Plantations - Site Preparation and Forest Tree Plantations - Forest Tree Stand Improvement

Soil Erosion: Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment (Trees or Grass) - Terrace Systems - Sediment Retention, Erosion or Water Control Structures - Sod Waterways

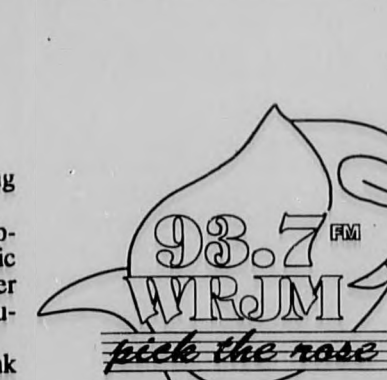
Water Quality - Dead Poultry Composting - Agricultural Handling Facility

Applicants must apply in person at the District Office located in the Coffee County Agricultural Center in New Brockton, from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon, and 1 - 4 p.m. The applicant must be the owner of the property.

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Socials and Community News

Barnett-Mixon wedding to be held August 23rd



Carly Barnett

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Barnett of Atlanta, Ga., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Carly Shannon, to Chad William Mixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Mixon of the Curtis Community.

The couple will exchange vows Aug. 23, 1997, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Grenada, Miss. Miss Barnett is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Sharpe of Granada, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Barnett of Maben, Miss.

She is a 1996 graduate of Troy State University where she earned a B.S. in Human Services and Early Childhood Studies. She is employed as a teacher with LaPetite Academy.

Mr. Mixon is the grandson of Mrs. Merle Weeks Boling and the late Jay Weeks of Kinston, and the late Viletta and Winston Mixon of Curtis.

He is a 1994 graduate of Troy State University where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration. He is employed with the Alabama Farmers Cooperative in Columbus, Ala.

Following a honeymoon in Marco Island, Fla., the couple will reside in Birmingham.

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Delora Lynn Moore

Delora Moore is Pre-Teen finalist

Delora Lynn Moore, daughter of Wiley and Deborah Williams of New Brockton, was selected as a finalist to participate in the 1997 Pre-Teen Alabama Scholarship and Recognition Program held Aug. 1-3 in Mobile.

Pre-Teen Alabama is a by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition event involving young ladies 7-12 years of age based on school academic records, awards and honors won and/or participation in outside activities.

The Boutwell reunion will be held Sunday, August 31, at the Victoria Community Building. This reunion includes descendants of Handy and Andy Boutwell.

A covered dish dinner is planned. For more information call 897-3284 or 735-0079.

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Miss Wise to marry Mr. Hicks in October

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wise of Samson announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherry Lynn, to Duane Edward Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniels of Samson.

Miss Wise is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Wise, and the late Mr. Dallas Bowers, all of Samson, and Mrs. Stella Bowers of Panama City, Fla.

Mr. Hicks is a 1987 graduate of Samson High School and attended Liberty Christian College in Pensacola, Fla.

She is youth pastor at Abundant Life Church in Samson and is employed at Merle Norman Cosmetics in DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Mr. Hicks is the grandson of Mr. Philip Little and the late Mrs. Selma Chick, both of Apopka, Fla.

He is a 1987 graduate of Geneva High School and attended Mobile College in Mobile.

He is minister of music at Abundant Life Church in Samson. An October wedding is planned.

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Mr. Edward Hicks, Miss Sherry Wise

New Arrivals



Mosley Twins

Jordan Danielle Mosley - Jaxsen David Mosley ... David and Jane Mosley announce the birth of their son, Jaxsen David, and their daughter, Jordan Danielle. The twins were born July 10, 1997, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. The twins weighed 5 lbs. 14 ozs. and Jordan weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs. Grandparents are Leon and Dorothy Adkins of Opp, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Mosley of DeFuniak Springs, Fla. Jaxsen and Jordan were welcomed home by their big brothers, Todd and Cory.

Hannah Clair Dunn celebrates 5th birthday

Little Miss Hannah Dunn, daughter of Shelton and Debbie Dunn, celebrated her fifth birthday with a Barbie theme party at her parents' home in Tallahassee on Saturday, June 28.

Twenty-two close friends and relatives attended the exciting afternoon of fun which included games of putt-putt golf, bean bag toss, and jumping on the trampoline which was a birthday gift from her parents.

Everyone enjoyed cake, ice cream, and many other delicious party goodies. After the celebration, Hannah traveled to Elba to spend a week with her MawMaw and PawPaw Bryan.

Hannah is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Bryan of Elba; Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Russell of Tallahassee, and Mr. Tony Dunn of Birmingham.

She is the granddaughter of Ms. Vera Bryan of Elba, and Ms. Lois Dunn of Tallahassee.

Dustin Flowers Jordan celebrated his first birthday on July 12. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Jordan (nee Beverly Flowers) of Tallahassee.

Dustin was honored with a pool party at the home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Flowers of Jacksonville.

Helping Dustin celebrate were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Flowers; aunts, Donna and Keni Flowers; all of Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jordan Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jordan Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Dalrymple; Enterprise; Larry and Lori Conney; Clinton; Stan and Deloris Martin; John, Lisa Jo, Hayden, Loren, and Lindsay McClung, all of Elba.

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God's indulgent Grace

They rise from the ground as massive reminders of the exuberance of man in his efforts to please and even portray God. Their interiors are stony and cavernous. Each morsel of sound is transformed into a feast of reverberation as it ping-pongs around the room. Their architecture is described by such nomenclature as fly buttresses, gothic arches, reredos, nave, transept, and chancel. They tower over small villages and large metropolises. They bear formidable names such as York Minster, Salisbury, Canterbury, St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey. They are the cathedrals of Great Britain.

Today they stand as a testament to a bygone era that linked faith and craftsmanship. Now the doves that stop off their buses to sneak snapshots and gawk at their splendor far outnumber those who come to find solace, to seek wisdom, to worship. I cannot be too cynical at this point, for my own feet have tread through these hallowed sanctuaries more times out of curiosity than out of reverence. I have stood and looked at these wonders of stone and glass and wondered myself about the expenditure of energy and resource on such an opulent house of worship. To what point? Are they monuments to God or man? I'm still not sure of the answer to my muse, but I must confess a particular experience that gave me new insight to the mystery of the great cathedrals.

It was an early Sunday morning in London. My wife and I had made the journey of several blocks from our hotel to Westminster Abbey where we would participate in the morning worship services. The first service would be the Service of the Word, the "preaching" service for me and you. The service to follow would be the morning Eucharist or communion. We arrived early and had a prime seat between the choir and the altar. We now were seated as worshippers in this huge historical structure that we had visited as tourists on the day before.

The two services moved forward with great pomp and a mystical sense of awe that came partly from the Anglican liturgy and partly from the newness of the experience. After a couple of hours we finally arrived at the moment when the priest would break the bread and brim the cup in observance of the Passion of our Lord. Some nervousness came over me as I realized that to partake of communion I would have to go to the altar with ten or twelve others and kneel before the entire congregation. My concern was heightened as I watched the common cup being shared by each participant with what seemed little regard for hygiene. The mix of awe, anticipation, and anxiety was almost numbing.

Finally my row was escorted to the front where we came face to face with the priest and his assistant. The bread was passed first. No big deal. Everybody took a piece and prayed and ate at will. But then came the cup. The priest processed down the line as each worshiper whispered a prayer and took a sip. I could feel the eyes of the congregation watching every dip and bend of the silver chalice. As the cup came my way my focus was turned from germs and self-consciousness to the absolute awe of the moment. In an instant it all made sense. What I for days had viewed as overindulgence now served as a magnificent canopy under which I would sip from the cup that Christ had prepared for me. The price of my surroundings became dwarfed by the priceless gift of His love for one poor, struggling worshiper. The moment was not about me. The building was not about man. It was all about God, all about His indulgent grace that gave far beyond reasonable measure so that I could be called His child.

How many times have you heard it "Christ would have died for you alone if you had been the only person in need of grace." Somehow that crisp London morning those words had more meaning than ever before. I hope your feet and mine will tread the path of a few more cathedrals in our day. I know that we will have ample opportunity to break the bread and drink the cup in remembrance of our Lord. May God grant us a greater understanding in doing both of His opulent, indulgent, amazing grace.

Coffee County Schools Menu

Aug. 11 - 15, 1997

BREAKFAST
Monday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Sausage, Biscuits, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Hamburger, Fish, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Pancakes, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Eggs, Fruit, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Sausage, Pizza, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets, Crackers, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken, French Fries, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Fried Chicken, Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Burrito, Baked Ham, Lite Potato Salad, Broccoli Spears, Chocolate Pudding w/Vanilla Wafers, Canned Fruit, Milk, Rolls

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. 1389 AM - 1:00-2:00 PM - Sun. Rev. Jonas Rogers	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J. E. Wesley Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sun. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNAACLE - Jimmy Porter Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sun. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.	ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Reed Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.	ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sun. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Martin Kelle Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sun. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - J. L. Greer Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sun. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Wed. 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Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School starts next week in Elba, and after several trips to various malls and shopping centers for clothes, I guess the Mularz girls are ready to get back to the daily grind. Melissa will be in the ninth grade this year and Melanie will be in the third, which means that they are both getting older, much to Dad's dismay. Both girls are looking forward to school, and if they can keep that excitement, maybe we'll be in for a good year. I'll keep my fingers crossed!

Cleaning off the desk after another slow week of area sports....

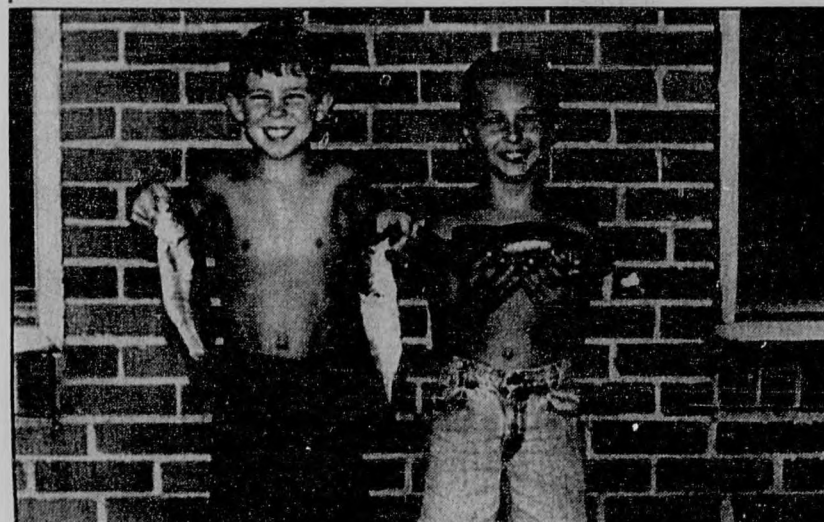
***I was surprised, but happy, last week when I heard that Hank Kennedy had been named the new head basketball coach at Enterprise High School. Coach Kennedy was a valuable member of the Elba Tiger coaching staff for many years, and has remained a close friend ever since he left to take a position at Dothan High School. The basketball program at Enterprise has been down for a couple of years, but should improve quickly under Coach Kennedy, and will no doubt be much more exciting than the Wildcat teams on years past.

***The rumor around Tigertown this week is that Elba basketball coach Harrison Mims has resigned to accept an administrative position at Georgia High School. Coach Mims posted winning records the past two years at the Elba helm and appeared to have the program on solid ground, but made the decision to move on after much thought. Elba has been through five head basketball coaches over the past seven years, and now must find another coach to lead the program. Such changes aren't good for a program, and I hope the next change will be the last for a while.

***Elba's Chastity Williams competed at the All-Stars Sports Festival last week in Montgomery and brought home the "MVP" award for her play on the South team in girls softball. Chastity excelled for many years with the Elba Lady Tigers in softball, and showed in Montgomery that the girls from Elba are indeed as good as any in the state. Congratulations - you made us all proud!

***The Elba Youth Football League is back under the sponsorship of the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation after a three-year absence, and it appears that the transition will be very smooth. The private group that sponsored the Elba teams for the past three years were supportive of the change, and have cooperated with Recreation Department officials to make certain that the upcoming season will be as good as any in the past. Everyone involved realizes that the league is for the kids, and that is the way it has to be if it is to succeed.

***This is the time of the year when the sports staff for The Elba Clipper grows by leaps and bounds, and once again we are looking for sports reporters to cover area high school football games. I will cover the Elba games, as always, but we do need reporters to cover Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton and Brantley. The reporters will be expected to make pictures with our cameras and write up the games, which may sound hard, but really is more fun than that. If you are interested, just give me a call, but please make it soon.



Cory Miller and Adam Henderson, both age 8, show off a catch of fish they hauled in while fishing in their secret "honey hole" in a private pond last weekend. They were using wigglers for bait.

SPORTS

Former Elba coach to lead 6A Wildcats

Hank Kennedy named Enterprise basketball coach

Former Elba Tiger basketball coach Hank Kennedy announced last week that he would be returning to Coffee County as the new head basketball coach at Enterprise High School.

Kennedy will replace Paul Curtis, who recently resigned to accept an administrative position at Daleville High School.

"It was kind of a shock when the school officials at Enterprise called me about the job," admitted Coach Kennedy. "I think they were looking for a young coach and couldn't find what they wanted. They needed somebody that could step right in and take the job, and I guess that person was me. I am really looking forward to coaching at Enterprise, and believe that it is one of the finest school systems in the state."

A native of Dothan, Kennedy coached at Daleville, Austin, New Brockton and Opp before taking the helm at Elba High School. While at Elba, Coach Kennedy led the Tigers to the State Tournament in 1985, and in 1990 led the Tigers to a 22-4 record.

Kennedy will also serve as an assistant coach in football at Enterprise.

ELBA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Recreation Report

Youth football registration now underway in Elba

Registration for boys and girls ages 6-12 who wish to participate in the Youth Football League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, is now underway. The league will consist of three teams - ages 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12, with a player's age on October 1 being the date used to determine eligibility. A registration fee of \$15 is charged, which will be used to provide jerseys to all players. Equipment rental is also available through the department.

The season will begin on August 30, and will include games on Saturday nights for eight straight weeks. The Elba teams will compete in the Tri-County Youth Football League along with teams from New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Kinston, Straughn, Red Level, Andalusia, Opp, Brantley, Florala and Pleasant Home.

Registration forms are available at City Hall, the Elba Public Pool and at the Elba Recreation Center. For more information, contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Cheerleader registration is now underway in Elba

Registration for girls and boys ages 6-12 who wish to participate in the Elba Youth Football League as cheerleaders is now underway. The league, which includes both players and cheerleaders, is sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, and includes cheerleader squads for ages 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12. A cheerleader's age on October 1 will determine which league she will cheer in during the current season.

A \$15 registration fee is charged, which will be used to provide all cheerleaders with pom-poms. The cheerleaders will be responsible for purchasing their own uniforms.

Registration forms are available at City Hall, the Elba Public Pool and at the Recreation Center. For more information call 897-6833.

Elba Public Pool to close on August 9

The Elba Public Pool, located at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, will close for the summer upon completion of normal pool hours on Saturday, August 9. Pool parties scheduled for August 10 and August 11 will be held as planned; however, the pool will not re-open to the public and no additional pool parties will be booked.

Elba to host men's softball tournament

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation and the Hudson's/TSP softball team will sponsor a men's softball tournament on Saturday, August 16, at Hawkins-Williams Park. The double-elimination tournament is open to teams of all classifications, and there will be no home-run rule in the event. The entry fee is \$125, and all teams will hit their own softballs. To enter call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Elba's Williams named MVP

Elba's Chastity Williams was a member of the South squad last week at the Alabama All-Stars Softball Tournament, in Montgomery, and was named the team's "Most Valuable Player" for her efforts during the three-game series.

The South dropped the best-of-

three series, winning the second game 13-3, while dropping the first game 12-0 and the final game 18-2.

Williams, an outfielder for the South, collected five hits in eight at-bats and knocked in one run during the series.

Elba enrollment keeps falling

The Alabama High School Athletic Association recently released the student enrollment figures for its member schools, and the newest population charts revealed that many of the schools in the area continued to change from year to year.

Elba High School, which was once a 4A school, and in recent years had been one of the largest 3A schools, continued its constant decline in enrollment and according to the latest reports was down to 209.8 students in grades 10-12. This figure placed Elba near the bottom of the 3A ranks, and behind such schools as Goshen (210.9), Slocumb (212.7), Clayton (214.2) and Luverne (244.1).

Luverne, a 2A school in 1996-97

Reporters needed for high school football

The high school football season is just around the corner, and that means that it is time once again for The Elba Clipper to expand its Sports staff to provide the schools in the area with complete weekly coverage.

Anyone wishing to join the Sports staff as a sports reporter should contact Sports Editor Ricky Mularz as soon as possible.

The sports reporters will be expected to attend area high school

football games, make pictures at the games, and write an article about the game. The reporters must meet a Saturday deadline after the Friday night games, and should have an understanding of the game, and how to use a camera.

Schools that will be included this season will be Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton and Brantley.

For more information call Ricky Mularz at 897-8201, or The Elba Clipper at 897-2823.

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Scripture: 2 Kings 20:1-19

***Thinking of you, praying for you: the Pruitt family, the Williams family, the Purvis family, Jimmie C. Brooks, Mary B. Belcher, Kelvin Belcher, Annie Belcher, Vick E. Lindsey, Ida Phillips, Annie Bell Flournoy, Mamie Belcher, Fred Culver.

***Three Things: Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do. They are complete in God's plan.

St. Thomas Aquinas
***Jean Bailey and Thelma Bailey of Enterprise, and Leo Henderson of Elba visited Grover and Eria Belcher of Elba last Sunday evening.

***The Soul Revivals - 1st Anniversary

The first anniversary of the Soul Revivals of Enterprise will be held Aug. 9-10 at the Southeast Singing Convention Building, Danley's Crossroads, Elba. Rev. Johnny Lawrence is pastor.

Theme: I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works.

Psalm 9:1
Motto: I will bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me - bless his holy name.

Saturday night, Aug. 9: 6:30 p.m. - devotion - appointee; welcome; Mistress of Ceremony - Sis. Annie Jean Caldwell. All choirs, groups and soloists are invited.

Sunday - 2:30 p.m. - Mistress of Ceremony - Sis. Annie Jean Caldwell; devotion, welcome, procession.

Special guests: Female chorus: Libertarians, Johnny Williams and the Gospel Singers; Johnny Green and the Messengers; Flying Clouds; Singing Angels; All choirs, groups and soloists are invited.

For more information contact Soul Revival, c/o Jerdean Williams, Rt. 4, Box 168, Enterprise, AL 36330, 334/247-5412.

***The late Oliver and Hattie Belcher Family Reunion
On June 1, the late Oliver and Hattie Belcher Family Reunion Planning Committee met at the home of Joseph and Inez Belcher Long, Glenwood.

Purpose of the meeting was to make decisions on the 1997 reunion. Final plans were made at the home of J.L. and Estella Belcher Williams, Elba for July 19 and 20.

"It's Reunion Time" - Time to meet at the Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, (the first - old edifice.)
On Saturday, July 19, there were greetings, fellowship, lunch and activities, consisting of potato sack races, volleyball, checkers, dominoes, and bingo, which added interest and fun.

The menu consisted of all kinds of good food.
Mingling with kin and reminiscing was a good pastime; picture-taking was also a bit of fun.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rayborn Jr. Celebrate 50 years

***A Blessed 50th Wedding Anniversary - HENRY & NOBIE RAYBORN, Elba - Surprised!
***The children of Henry and Nobie Rayborn - Icylean, Ben, Johnny, Tommy, and Belinda - along with other relatives and friends, hosted a 50th wedding anniversary banquet at Ryan's Restaurant on Saturday, July 26, at 3 p.m.
Their wedding anniversary date was July 27.
May the God of Peace, Joy and Eternal Life be with Henry and Nobie forever.
Happy 50th wedding anniversary, you two!
Today is a good day - be grateful! Eria

UAB NEWSWATCH

Teacher: Friend or Pal?

Teachers sometimes make the mistake of trying to be a pal to their students. As a result, they can lose control of the class, says child development expert Kevin Walsh, Ph.D.

"A friend is someone children can look up to and respect. A friend gives children support and advice. A pal, on the other hand, tries to relate to the children on their level. They try to appeal to the children by acting like them and even dressing like them."

Children need teachers who are friends, not pals, and it is better for teachers to have control of the class rather than appeal to children on a momentary basis.

Walsh offers discipline tips for teachers.
Call Gail Short, Media Relations, 934-8931.

IT TAKES TWO

It's time to hold males accountable for health and reproduction choices, says Gina Wingood, Sc.D., an expert in women's health at UAB.

"Health messages traditionally



ATTEND TROY BAND CAMP Zion Chapel high school students Morgan Hodge (front left) and Danielle Richards (front right) are shown at the recent 32nd annual Troy State University Summer Band Camp. Pictured with the students are from left: Ralph Ford, camp coordinator; Robert Smith, TSU director of bands; John Hillsman; Marc Dickman, jazz ensemble clinician.

are targeted towards women. We need to change the norm to where both partners are involved in pregnancy prevention and protection from sexually transmitted diseases."

Many of the health issues affecting women today stem from underlying social problems such as poverty or abuse. Address these problems, Call Laura Mansfield, Media Relations, 934-3889.

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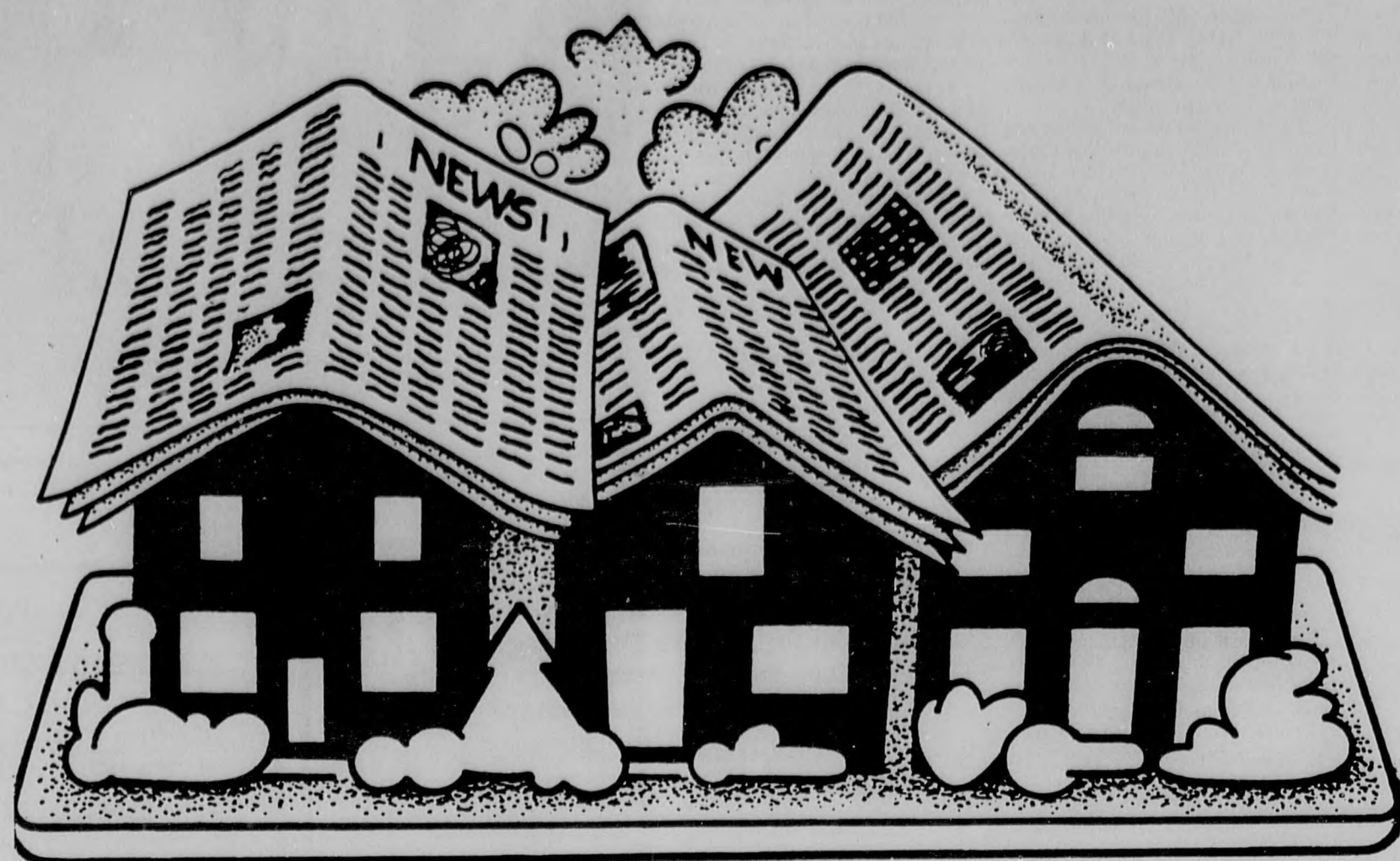
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* * * * * Coffee County 4-H Club Winners * * * * *



JUNIOR 4-H BICYCLE WINNERS - Charles Mason (left) congratulates the winners of the Junior Bicycle event at the District 4-H Roundup in Troy. Winners were Brad Polk - first place, Crenshaw County; Timothy Bess - second, Geneva County; Clay Lewis - third, Coffee County; Justin Register - fourth, Pike County; and David Sanders - fifth, Covington County. Clay attends Zion Chapel School.



WINNERS IN THE JUNIOR ORATORICAL PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT at the District 4-H Roundup in Troy were Heather Foley, first place, Covington County; Joni Creamer, second place, Dale County; Anna-Marie Murphy, third place, Houston County; Amanda Lashley, fourth place, Coffee County; and Kenyatta Holmes, fifth place, Bullock County. Amanda is a student at Kinston Elementary School.



WINNERS OF THE JUNIOR WOOD SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION at the District 4-H Roundup in Troy were (l-r): Nichole Wood - first place, Houston County; Ciji Griffin - second, Pike County; Freddy Mallory - third, Coffee County; and Dustin Barboza - fourth, Dale County. Freddy is from Elba.



JUNIOR 4-H FASHION REVUE WINNERS - Melisa Wiggins, left, congratulates the winners in the Junior Fashion Revue event at the District 4-H Roundup in Troy. Winners were (l-r): Lynsey Powell - first place, Henry County; Sarah Maddox - second, Coffee County; Koylee Taylor - third, Houston County; Amanda Hayes - fourth, Pike County; and Anna Erdy - fifth, Covington County. Sara is a student at Zion Chapel School.



SENIOR ELECTRIC DEMONSTRATION WINNER - Willie Durr congratulates Angie Laney of Coffee County for being first place winner in the Senior Electric Demonstration event at the District 4-H Roundup in Troy. Angie is a student at Zion Chapel High School.



ROOKIE AWARDS - Eleven 4-H'ers received Rookie Awards at the District 4-H Roundup in Troy. Receiving awards were (front row, l-r): Kurt Sansom, Houston County; Clay Lewis, Coffee County; Brittani O'Hara, Barbour County; Dustin Barboza, Dale County; Blake Roney, Henry County; and Jasmine Gamble, Geneva County. (Back row, l-r): Joseph Colvin, Pike County; Amanda Dunn, Crenshaw County; Allison Prater, Montgomery County; Latoya Dees, Bullock County; and David Sanders, Covington County. Clay Lewis attends Zion Chapel Elementary School.



SENIOR 4-H PLANT SCIENCE EXHIBIT WINNERS in the Senior Plant and Soil Science Exhibit event at the District 4-H Roundup in Troy were (l-r): Sam Williams - first place, Houston County; Peyton Miley - second, Pike County; Daphne Jirright - third, Coffee County; Vickie Easley - fourth, Covington County; and Jamie Barboza - fifth, Dale County. Daphne attends school at Zion Chapel.



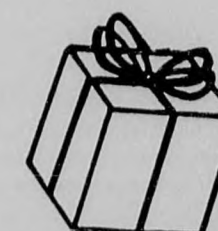
SENIOR 4-H LAWN TRACTOR WINNERS - George Tabb (left) congratulates the winners in the Senior Lawn Tractor event at the District 4-H Roundup in Troy. Winners were Russell Lassiter - first place, Covington County; Chad Bagwell - second, Houston County; Buddy Maddox - third, Coffee County; Robby Price - fourth, Pike County; Josh Ezell - fifth, Geneva County; and Raymond Cox II - sixth, Bullock County. Buddy attends Zion Chapel High School and will compete at state competition in Huntsville.

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Items will be sold by public auction to the highest and best bidder at Gene's Mini-Storage, Inc., 203 Bypass, Elba, AL or at 10 A.M. August 15th, 1997.
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IN RE THE ESTATE OF WINFORD EARL KIRKLAND, INCAPACITATED, IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION ORDER SETTING DAY TO HEAR PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF CONSERVATORSHIP

James E. Thompson, as Conservator of the Estate of Winford Earl Kirkland, having filed his Petition and Accounting in writing for partial settlement of said estate, it is ORDERED by the Court that the 26th day of August, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. be and hereby is appointed a day and time to hear said settlement, and that notice of same be given by publication in the

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The goal of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association is to make the bull test the best in the land. It will be a cooperative county effort. The test and sale will be held at the farm.

If you would like to nominate a bull for this test, it needs to be done by August 1, 1997. Bulls will be delivered to the farm in early November. This year we plan to graze around 100 bulls, and we hope to increase the size of the test up to 180 or even 200 bulls.

The new Wiregrass Test has several advantages over the old test.

George L. Tabb- Assistant County Agent

How to buy insecticides

ALL ABOUT INSECTS, INSECTICIDES, PESTS AND PESTICIDES

Just as a visit to your garden may reveal a bewildering array of pests, a visit to the local garden center reveals a bewildering array of pesticides. "Pesticide" is an all inclusive term that describes anything from a rat poison to a miticide—any concoction that kills pests.

Here's a look at some of the different categories of pesticides, as well as the type of formulations in which they're commercially available.

A small invertebrate animal, spider, centipede, grasshopper or earth-

worms and turtles are all considered insects. Insects are not rare. They are found to show up in your garden at one time or another, no matter where you live or what you do to stop them.

The successful gardener is always on the lookout for pests, checking plants frequently and closely. Be sure to look on the undersides of leaves and around buds. If only a few pests are present, remove them by hand or with a stream of water. But when your plants are being attacked by a whole army of the little rascals, more stringent measures are called for, including pesticide application.

Herbicides are for use on invasive weeds. Many herbicides, however, also prove harmful to the plants you wish to encourage, so use them with care.

THE "CIDES"

Insecticides control pests that have six legs in their mature form: ants, aphids, beetles, mealybugs, butterflies (in their caterpillar stage), etc. Some insecticides are very tough on specific insects and very weak on others. Some are deadly on a very wide range of pests.

Always check the product's label to be certain that the insecticide is effective against the pest you are after. (You should always read the label of any chemical product before you use it.)

Miticides control a large group of small, very destructive pests - spider mites and other eight-legged pests related to spiders. These are usually recognized not on sight (they're too small to see without a microscope) but by damage they cause or the fine webs they spin on the undersides of leaves. Curled, speckled foliage on branch tips often is an indicator that mites are present.

Baits are a primitive form of pest control. An example is a pan of beer to attract and entrap slugs (they climb up the pan, fall in, and drown). Baits are also used to cut down on the population of moles, crickets and other pests.

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Bulls will be accepted from Alabama and surrounding states. If you are a purebred breeder and you are interested in testing bulls, you may contact your local Extension office or Dr. Jerry Van Dyke at Auburn University, 334-844-1564. You can contact me at 334-894-5596 or Dave Maples, Alabama BCIA Association, 334-265-8090.

We look forward to having the best bull grazing test in the country. As big as that may sound, that is our goal, and we plan to work to have it that way. We want the producers to make some money, we want them to learn something about their bulls, and we want the entire beef cattle industry to benefit from what we are trying to do with this bull grazing test.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

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EPD's clothing allowance continues

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